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Additional nominations to the District Board of Kistna.

*856 Q.—Mr. D. NARAYANA RAJU: Will the hon. the Minister for Education and Local Self-Government be pleased to state—

(*a*) at whose instance and for what reasons were the additional 18 nominations (published in the *Fort St. George Gazette* of 13th September 1927) made to the District Board, Kistna;

(*b*) what is the present total strength of the District Board, Kistna, and how many of them come from each of the local fund areas in the district;

(*c*) what was the sanctioned strength of the Kistna District Board before its bifurcation; and

(*d*) what was its actual strength at the time of its bifurcation?

A.—(*a*) The hon. Member's attention is invited to the answer to clause (*a*) of question No. 855.

(*b*) The total number of members of the District Board at present is 46 (excluding ex officio members). The taluk board area from which they come is as follows:—

		Number of Members.
Nuzvid Taluk Board area	... ...	8
Bandar	do.	10
Nandigama	do.	5
Bezwada	do.	8
Gudivada	do.	9
Kaikalur	do.	5
Area not known	... ...	1

(*c*) Forty-eight including ex-officio members.

(*d*) Forty-three including ex-officio members.

Mr. D. NARAYANA RAJU:—"With reference to (*a*) may I know when the Government discovered the desirability of making additional appointments, and why it was not discovered at the time of constituting the board?"

The hon. Dr. P. SUBBARAYAN:—"The Government discovered it when the nominations were made."

Mr. A. KALESWARA RAO:—"May I know whether in the Government Order declaring the elections, 27 was fixed as the number exclusive of six ex officio for the District Board of Kistna?"

The hon. Dr. P. SUBBARAYAN:—"There was no number fixed."

Mr. D. NARAYANA RAJU:—"May I know who pointed out this desirability to the Government?"

The hon. Dr P. SUBBARAYAN:—"The Government themselves thought it desirable."

Mr. A. KALESWARA RAO:—"May I know whether Dr. Ramachandra Rao was unanimously elected President of the Kistna District Board on the strength of the first nominations?"

The hon. the PRESIDENT:—"Before I admit the question formally I wish to know how it arises now? The hon. Member will refer me to the clause or clauses with which it is connected and out of which it arises."

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Mr. A. Kaleswara Rao :—" It is stated in (a) of the answer to Question No. 855 that the Government considered the appointments desirable. I am explaining or rather leading the hon. Minister to that, that the nominations are not desirable."

The hon. the President :—" The hon. Member will have an opportunity of doing so if he tables a motion on the matter."

Mr. D. Narayana Raju :—" Will the hon. Minister be pleased to say whether the desirability was discovered by the Government through prophecy or from any materials furnished to the Government by anybody ? "

The hon. Dr. P. Subbarayan :—" A deputation waited upon the Government."

Mr. D. Narayana Raju :—" Who were the members of the deputation ? "

The hon. Dr. P. Subbarayan :—" It consisted of a number of those people who felt aggrieved that even though they were elected members, they were not nominated at the time of the bifurcation."

Mr. D. Narayana Raju :—" May I know whether these grievances were not brought to the notice of the Government when the board was constituted ? "

The hon. Dr. P. Subbarayan :—" No, Sir."

Mr. G. Harisarvottama Rao :—" May I know, Sir, whether it was considered desirable to appoint these 18 gentlemen so that the balance of power may be kept."

The hon. Dr. P. Subbarayan :—" Certainly not, Sir."

Mr. Sami Venkatachalam Chetti :—" May I know what was the grievance of these persons ? "

The hon Dr. P. Subbarayan :—" The grievance was that they were not nominated even though their natural time would have gone on for three years when the board was constituted."

Mr. Sami Venkatachalam Chetti :—" Were not the Government aware of that at the time when the board was constituted ? "

The hon. Dr. P. Subbarayan :—" The Government did not consider the point at that time."

Mr B. Ramachandra Reddi :—" May I know whether any deputation waited on the Government when the first set of nominations was made ? "

The hon. Dr. P. Subbarayan :—" No such deputation waited on the Government then."

Mr. D. Narayana Raju :—" May I know whether it was the grievance of these people or whether the requirements of the administration that made the Government make the nominations ? "

The hon. Dr. P. Subbarayan :—" The grievances as well as the requirements of the administration of the Board."

Mr. D. Narayana Raju :—" What were the requirements of the administration which would have suffered if the nominations were not made ? "

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The hon. Dr. P. SUBBARAYAN :—" They were made for the simple reason that the people aggrieved by the constitution of the board could not be elected to it as things stood."

Mr. D. NARAYANA RAJU :—" May I know whether the public as a whole or a section of it made the representation and what the representation was ? "

The hon. Dr. P. SUBBARAYAN :—" These members who made the representation, I expect, represented the public."

Mr. G. HARISARVOTTAMA RAO :—" May I know whether in the opinion of the hon. Minister the interests of the administration of the District Board were likely to suffer or whether the interests of the administration of the province under him as the Chief Minister would suffer ? "

The hon. the PRESIDENT :—" It has been said, the administration of the district."

Mr. D. NARAYANA RAJU :—" May I know whether the grievances of the public affected were brought to the notice of the Government by their chosen representatives, or by the Collector of the district or by the District Board itself ? "

The hon. Dr. P. SUBBARAYAN :—" By the deputation which waited on the Government."

Mr. D. NARAYANA RAJU :—" May I know whether apart from these self-appointed representatives of the people, the Collector of the district was consulted on the matter ? "

The hon. Dr. P. SUBBARAYAN :—" Whether these people were self-appointed or not is a matter of opinion, Sir."

Mr. G. HARISARVOTTAMA RAO :—" May I know whether the nomination of an equal number of people on two different sides evidently as is made so plain by the deputation that waited on the Government, was considered to conduce to efficiency of the administration ? "

The hon. Dr. P. SUBBARAYAN :—" That is a matter of opinion."

Mr. A. KALESWARA RAO :—" May I know why the President of the District Board was not consulted after the deputation waited upon the Government ? "

The hon. Dr. P. SUBBARAYAN :—" The Government felt the strength of the feeling of the deputation and did not think that necessary."

Mr. A. KALESWARA RAO :—" May I know whether the Collector of the district was consulted ? "

The hon. Dr. P. SUBBARAYAN :—" No, Sir."

Mr. C. N. MUTHURANGA MUDALIYAR :—" May I know the date on which the deputation waited, how many days earlier to the gazetting of these names ? "

The hon. Dr. P. SUBBARAYAN :—" I want notice, Sir."

Mr. A. KALESWARA RAO :—" May I know whether it is a fact that there has been a deadlock created in the administration of the Kistna District Board owing to these nominations ? "

The hon. the PRESIDENT :—" How does the question arise ? "

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Mr. ABDUL RAZACK SAHIB :—" May I know when the nominations were made ? "

The hon. Dr. P. SUBBARAYAN :—" I cannot give the date, Sir."

Mr. C. V. VENKATARAMANA AYYANGAR :—" May I know whether all the members of the deputation were nominated members ? "

The hon. Dr. P. SUBBARAYAN :—" No, Sir."

Mr. P. C. VENKATAPATI RAJU :—" May I know on whose information were the first nominations to the Board made ? "

The hon. Dr. P. SUBBARAYAN :—" That was made at such a distance of time that I have almost forgotten the names of those that visited me at the time."

Rao Bahadur B. MUNISWAMI NAYUDU :—" May I know whether any hon. Member of this House visited the hon. Minister at that time with regard to the nominations ? "

The hon. Dr. P. SUBBARAYAN :—" I remember, the hon. Member for Kistna did visit me."

Mr. G. HARISARVOTTAMA RAO :—" May I know whether all these 18 men were men previously elected and had some grievance ? "

The hon. the PRESIDENT :—" How many of them were actually elected is contained in the answer already given."

Mr. R. SRINIVASA AYYANGAR :—" In matters of nomination, is it not the practice to consult the presidents of the district boards and take into consideration the recommendations made by them ? "

The hon. Dr. P. SUBBARAYAN :—" Yes, that is so."

Trifurcation of the Rajahmundry Taluk Board.

* 857 Q.—Mr. B. VENKATARATNAM : Will the hon. the Minister for Education and Local Self-Government be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether the Taluk Board, Rajahmundry, in the East Godavari district, has asked for the trifurcation of the Board into three taluk boards, one for each revenue taluk ;

(*b*) whether the resolution of the Board is unanimous ;

(*c*) what are the views of the District Board on the subject ;

(*d*) whether the Government called for budget estimates for the three taluk boards ;

(*e*) if so, whether they have been received ;

(*f*) if they have been received, what is the estimated income and expenditure for the three taluk boards ;

(*g*) whether the presidents of the taluk and district boards recommended the trifurcation ;

(*h*) whether the Government will be pleased to place on the table a list of taluk boards in the Presidency whose income by local cess is Rs. 25,000 and less ;

(*i*) whether the Government have ordered the trifurcation ; and

(*j*) if not, why not ?